

will discuss the budget. We should simply negotiate the budget. We have our differences, and they can be brought out and they can be negotiated. But in the interim, the Republican majority has an obligation to bring a continuing resolution to the floor and let the Government continue to operate, and I know that Frank also believes in that and so does Rose Marie.

BALANCING OUR FEDERAL BUDGET FOR OUR CHILDREN

(Mr. HAYWORTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I so happy my good friend from New Jersey brought his children to the floor of this body, because I think it demonstrates, it demonstrates so clearly why we have to work out these problems.

Because you see, as desirable in one sense as a continuing resolution might be to some, to the country, to the financial markets, that is just a continuation of the same old tax-and-spend mantra. In fact, the child that my colleague from New Jersey had in his arms, his son, if we do nothing to change the course of action that we are on, that little boy will pay over \$185,000 in taxes just on the national debt.

So it is precisely for those children and the children of Federal workers and all children in America and, indeed, all generations, that we work now to put aside partisan differences and balance our Federal budget.

Our children, our country, deserve no less.

BUDGET MUST REFLECT PRIORITIES OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, if we pass the Republican budget, the children of the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. PALLONE] will have the air that they breathe fouled, the water they drink dirty, we will deny them their opportunity for student loans to be able to get an education.

This Republican budget does exactly what it says it does, and it denies children opportunity, if you take a look at it, chapter and verse, and you look at the fine print.

Last month, Mr. Speaker, Speaker GINGRICH shut down the Government because he did not like his seat on Air Force One. Now, he is at it again. What was it this time that caused the Speaker's tantrum? Who knows? Perhaps he was invited to breakfast at the White House and President Clinton got two slices of bacon while Speaker GINGRICH only got one.

What we do know is the American people have rejected Speaker GINGRICH's budget, a budget which would devastate Medicare, Medicaid, and edu-

cation, to finance a tax cut for the wealthy. Instead of listening to the American people, the Speaker chooses to shut down the Government to get his way. That is not leadership. It is childish.

The Speaker should have a budget that reflects the priorities of the American public, not his own.

SANTA DOES NOT LIVE IN WASHINGTON, DC

(Mr. CHABOT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, politicians in this town have dressed up as Santa Claus, popped down the chimney and robbed American families blind. On, sure, they have given gifts to their special-interest friends, but they have used the American people's credit card to do it, and all they have left our kids is a debt so huge that every single child born this year inherits a bill for \$187,000 just to pay the interest, just the interest, on the national debt.

These fake Santas, Mr. Speaker, take more than our milk and cookies. They gorge themselves on everything they can get their hands on, and then they claim that American families do not really need their taxes cut.

But the fact of the matter is that these fake Santas are eating the average family out of house and home. We have to slow the growth of wasteful Government spending, Mr. Speaker. We have to cut taxes. We have to cut the waste.

Mr. Speaker, the American people deserve no less. It is time to remember that Santa Claus does not live in Washington, DC.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BUNN of Oregon). The Chair reminds Members when they are addressing the House not to be accompanied by others who are not Members.

LUCRATIVE NEW BUSINESS: BODY BROKERING

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, the stock market fell 101 points, 2 percent of its total value. Everybody is making a lot of excuses.

The truth of the matter is America has become a paper tiger. Check this out: One of the most lucrative new businesses in America is body brokering. That is right, selling cadavers, dead bodies, for up to \$1,500.

Think about it, it is getting to the point the only way to make a living in America is over someone's dead body.

But if you are not surprised about that, what is the big surprise, folks?

When an American needs a Ph.D. just to figure out the first page of the tax code, you know something is screwed up. I wonder how the Labor Department is going to classify this new profession: Human resource procurement specialist? I guarantee there will be five or six jobs that will be assigned as definitions to body brokering jobs.

Beam me up, Mr. Speaker.

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U.S. ECONOMY AT STAKE IN BUDGET BATTLE

(Mr. SMITH of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, a minute is not very long. I will try. The budget economic ills clobber the market. The four chaps that came down 2 months ago, I talked to on the phone, they are saying here is what the market is thinking, that they are afraid we are not going to achieve a balanced budget. Therefore, the market is going down, largest drop in 4 years. We have seen interest rates go up. That has got to be a signal to use. We have got to pay attention.

In the Washington Post today, Jim Glassman writes, "As long as the President can pose as the saviour of Medicare, with the public blaming Congress for Government shutdowns, he is not going to negotiate seriously." Why should he?

Here is the bottom line of my message. Democrats, give me your ear: Everybody in this Chamber, or most everybody, wants a better America, better place to live and work. How are we going to come to grips with our overpromises and our overspending if we cannot keep borrowing the money simply to pay our bills? Let us get together. Let us do it. The market is at stake. The U.S. economy is at stake.

NOW WE MUST DECIDE ON SPENDING PRIORITIES

(Mr. DOYLE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I was in my district this weekend and I spoke with many people throughout western Pennsylvania who are upset with the budget impasse here in Washington. One of my constituents, Joe Palumbo, put it to me quite simply when he said—"MIKE, why can't Republicans and Democrats, stop bickering and sit down together and work out their differences."

It's a good question. Yesterday over 350 members of this House agreed to balance the budget in 7 years using the latest CBO economic assumptions. We agree on balancing the budget, now we have to decide on spending priorities. Let me ask three things of my colleagues, both Democrat and Republican as an early Christmas present.